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SEMA Announces Oregon County Added to Emergency Declaration, Missouri's Major Disaster Declaration Request Denied

SEMA Deputy Director Duane R. Nichols announced that jurisdictions and certain private-non-profit organizations in Oregon County will be eligible to receive federal disaster assistance for debris removal and emergency protective actions as a result of damages caused by the storms of July 19-21, 2006. However, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) denied Missouri's request for Individual Assistance, expanded Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation assistance for the same storms. Additionally, the State's request to add Franklin and Reynolds County to the disaster declaration was also denied by FEMA.

"The President and FEMA rapidly approved Missouri's request for an Emergency Disaster Declaration after July 19-21 storms. The Emergency Declaration played a vital role in the immediate disaster response to save lives by both the state agencies and local governments," Nichols said.

"Based on the joint federal, state, and local Preliminary Damage Assessments conducted in those cities and counties affected by the storms, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has determined that the severity and magnitude of the damages was not of sufficient impact to warrant a major disaster declaration," Nichols said.

Based on this latest addition, the Emergency Disaster Declaration now includes Dent, Iron, Jefferson, Oregon, St Charles, St Louis and Washington Counties, and the City of St Louis for Public Assistance for Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Actions. Missouri has 30 days to appeal FEMA's decision and provide additional information.